IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit

1616

Examiner

James H. Alstrum Acevedo

Applicants

Yutaka Mizushima et al.

Appln. No.

10/559,512

Filing Date

December 5, 2005

Confirmation No.

3849

For

DRUG-CONTAINING SUSTAINED RELEASE

MICROPARTICLE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND PREPARATION CONTAINING THE MICROPARTICLE

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 2, 2009, Applicants request reconsideration and examination in view of the following remarks.

There are no amendments made to the claims in this response, and thus a listing of the claims is not presented herein.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.